

Dear Emergency Responders and Emergency Managers:

On behalf of BNSF Railway, I hope you, your families and department members are safe and healthy. Thank you for your efforts to protect our communities.

As part of our nation's critical infrastructure, BNSF continues to make sure all the goods that you, your family and communities need are delivered safely.

In January 2021, the BNSF Hazmat team updated our System Emergency Response Plan. This plan is available via <https://www.bnsfhazmat.com/community-responders/community-responders-home/>

As you know, BNSF provides "Railroad Response Hazmat Training" to community responders at no cost. To ensure your responders and BNSF's Hazmat Team remain healthy and to comply with federal and state COVID-19 restrictions, we have postponed our instructor-led hazmat classes. However, we have been conducting webinars every Wednesday that will allow community responders to learn how to safely and efficiently respond to railroad hazardous materials incidents at home or at their station. Additionally, BNSF has web-based training available for community responders.

Our webinars and web-based training courses have been very successful. In 2020, BNSF trained over 5,000 first responders through our webinars and over 3,000 responders using our web-based training platform. Feedback from participants have rated the webinars and web-based training as excellent. As a result of the feedback we received, we have expanded our webinars and web-based training.

Below is a list of hazmat webinars and web-based training courses available to community responders

Class	Webinar	Web-Based Training
Railroad Emergency Response/Hazmat Awareness (Prerequisite to other webinars and web-based training)	X	X
Rail Car Knowledge for First Responders	X	X
Locomotive Response Awareness and Response	X	X
Initial Response to a Rail Incident	X	
Hazmat Derailment and Size-up Scenario (New for 2021)	X	
Non-Accident Caused Tank Car Releases Scenario (New for 2021)	X	
Crude Oil By Rail – First Responder Safety Training		X
Ethanol Emergency Response Considerations		X
Passenger Train Emergency Response Training		X

I highly recommend that those planning to participate in these newly added webinars first participate in one of the **Railroad Emergency Response/Hazmat Awareness** webinars or web-based training course.

These webinars and web-based training courses are free and responders completing the training will be provided with a training certificate.

Go [here](#) to review available webinar dates and register.

Go [here](#) to register for our web-based training courses.

In April 2020, the Department of Transportation authorized BNSF to use an electronic hazardous material (hazmat) document instead of paper documents. We have posted a video on electronic train lists and communication with responders [here](#).

Please feel free to forward this message to any of your team members.

Finally, if you want to continue to receive information on BNSF's emergency response training, exercises and changes that can affect emergency responders, please take time to sign up to our communications list [here](#).

Thank you and please stay safe.

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